

The applicant has amended claim 49 in response to the Examiner's objection, which mistakenly references claim 48, by adding the word "to" after adapted in the first line of claim 49.

The applicant has canceled claims 45, 47, 61, 63 and 64, and has canceled non-elected claims 37-39 and 62.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the agreement reached in the Examiner interview on November 10, 1999 and the amendments made in accordance therewith, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-36, 41, 42 and 48-52 and 53-60 are allowable. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4250 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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